

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2014

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President, Thomas J. Hauser, Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. A representative of the *Perry County News* was present. Also attend the meeting was County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAYROLL

The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$123,622.10 for the payroll distributed on August 11, 2014. Bill made a motion to approve the docket, and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CONTRACT – CYCLICAL REASSESSMENT

County Assessor, Mendy Lassaline, explained to the commissioners that the current Annual Adjustment and Cyclical Reassessment contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. needed to be amended. She stated that the taxes payable in 2016 will be based on the assessment of the property as of January 1, 2015 instead of March 1, 2015. She stated that the rest of the contract will remain the same. After signed by the commissioners she will forward to the Department of Local Government Finance for their approval. Bill made the motion to approve the amendment to the current contract and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Cheri Taylor, Executive Director of the Perry County Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to discuss the Bicentennial Celebration of Perry County. Cheri explained that the 200th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, November 1st. She listed several activities that the committee is hoping will take place: 200 mile road run, old time games for kids, style show, music, first family pinning ceremony, burial of a time capsule on courthouse grounds, demonstrations of weaving, blacksmithing, wool-spinning, candle making, fireworks, and other activities. She showed a throw revealing several places in Perry County that will be sold as a fundraiser. She told the commissioners that the reason she was attending today's meeting was to get permission to hold all activities on courthouse property. The commissioners discussed several issues that they have about holding the celebration on courthouse grounds. They were concerned about a parking issue and the fireworks. They had discussed the fireworks with the county's insurance agent, and he had stated that if the Chamber is under the umbrella of the CVB then the county should not have anything to worry about. The commissioners also suggested that maybe the celebration could be held at the armory which would give more parking and could be used in case of rain. She explained that not all details have been worked out at this time, but wanted to come to the commissioners early so they could think about it. The commissioners agreed that they would like to see the celebration on the courthouse grounds. Randy made a motion to allow the celebration to be on county property and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY REQUEST

Highway Superintendent, Steve Howell, explained that since the Operation Manager's position will not be replaced he would like to upgrade the Office Manager position to Office Manager/Assistant Superintendent. He explained that the duties for the Office Manager had increased and she will be responsible for making major decisions if he is not available. He stated that the raise he was requesting was a 15% increase from the current salary. There was discussion on the fact that this will reduce the highway budget because of not replacing a position. Also, there was discussion as to if the Office Manager/Assistant Superintendent would be doing all the required paper work with INDOT on federal projects for the county. Steve presented the commissioners with a transfer request; transferring \$9,386.88 from Office Manager and \$1,408.16 from Part-time Superintendent to Office Manager/Assistant Superintendent. Also presented were new job descriptions for the Highway Superintendent and the new position of Office Manager/Assistant Superintendent. After some discussion Randy made the motion to

approve the new job description for the Office Manager/Assistant Superintendent and the Highway Superintendent. The commissioners suggested that more information be provided from the highway department as to what other counties have as far as positions and their pay scale. Randy made a motion to table the transfer request until their next meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA PERFORMANCE GRANT

Steve Hauser, EMA Director, attended the meeting and explained that he had the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant for their approval. He stated that the grant will reimburse the county \$32,145.75 which is ½ of the salaries paid to the EMA employees. Bill made the motion to approve the grant request and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER

County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, presented the commissioners with a transfer request within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$869.00 from Mechanical Maintenance Agreement to Ambulance Lease. Randy made the motion to approve the request and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Brad Franzman, President of the Park & Recreation Department, explained that the Parks board was requesting the use of 3 bays within the current EMS Building after the ambulance service is moved to the new hospital. He stated that this part of the building would be great to use for a shop area and a place where equipment can be worked on. Tom stated that there will be space available in the building once the EMS and rescue move out of the building. Randy stated that they will not be taking the whole building, so the rest of the building can be used for something else. Once the Park & Recreation Department moves into the building they will be responsible for mowing the grass around the building and have also agreed to mow the grass at the county owned armory building. Randy made a motion to have County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, prepare a resolution to reflect what had been discussed at the meeting. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next regular meeting of the Commissioners will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The change from Monday to Tuesday was because of Labor Day being the first Monday of the month.

The meeting ended in open session at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes approved this 16th day of September, 2014.

Thomas J. Hauser, President

Bill Amos

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
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